dicherry, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are as under:-

Kerala .	. 245 MW
Pondicherry .	. 50 MW
Tamil Nadu .	. 470 MW
Karnataka .	. 345 MW

(d) No, Sir,

(e) The 400 KV transmission lines associated with the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project have been found to be adequate for transmission of power from this project.

Filling up of Vacancies of Unskilled Jobs in Dugda Coal Washery, Bihar

4494. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJJEE : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whther a memorandum dated the 25h June, 1988 has been received from Bihar Colliery Kamgar Union, Dugda through a Member of Parliament regarding alleged irregularities and favouritism in the filling up of nearly 300 vacancies of unskilled jobs in Dugda Coal Washery; and

(b) whether any inquiry has been ordered into the complaint and if so, what are the details of such inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Company has been asked to send its comments on the allegations made by the Union.

Conservation of Energy

4495. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to State:

(a) whether as per the analysis carried out by Government the present 10 per cent power shortage can be bridged by saving at least 80 per cent power through conservation measures;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in that direction; and

(c) what suggestions have been given to different Ministries in the matter and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):(a) During the period January-July, 1988 the gap between the requirement and avilability of power was 9.8%. There is scope for bridging this gap appreciably by adopting appropriate energy conservation measures on a sustained basis.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to conserve energy include fixation of annual energy consumption targets for energy intensive industries, conducting energy audits, training of personnel as Energy Managers, demonstration programmes in rectification of inefficient agricultural pumpsets, modification of standards covering electrical appliances, grant of fiscal incentives, launching of a multime a public awareness campaign

and creation of a nodal cell to co-ordinate and review the progress of energy conservation activities.

(c) The suggestions given to the Ministries, relate to laying down targets for energy consumption, conducting energy audits, organising training programmes and seminars, publishing case studies on successfully implemented energy conservation measures and preparing specific action plans for energy conservation in the public sector units under their control.

Oil Drilling Work in Vietnam by ONGC

4496. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be please to state:

(a) whether Government have intensified their overseas oil drilling programme;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by ONGC in that direction;

(c) whether it is a fact that ONGC proposes to undertake oil drilling work in Vietnam; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) to (d) Proposals for overseas exploration are examined by the Government and ONGC after taking into account all relevant factors includng the prospectivity of the areas available for exploration and availability of resources.

Hydrocarbons India Limited (HIL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Oil and Natural Gas Commission would undertake drilling in Vietnam as a part of its operations under the production sharing contract with Petrovietnam.

According to the contract, the entire exploration risk will be taken by HIL. If commercial quantities of petroleum are not discovered, HIL will have the right to terminate the contract. The exploration is to be carried out in an offshore area covering approximately 14,200 sq. kms.

If commercial quantites of oil are discovered, it would be shared between HIL & Petrovietnam according to a sliding scale based on volumes of production. HIL would also be entitled to recover its costs. The entire production and development of the discovery would be carried out by HIL. The duration of the contract is 25 years.

It is expected that during the first phase of four years an investment of the order of US $ 21.5 million would be required.

Gap between the Demand and Supply of Electricity

4497. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the gap between the demand and supply of electricity in the country as on the 30th June, 1988, regionwise; and